

Reds Promise Reply On Missing Tourist

By the Associated Press

The State Department now hopes for some definite information soon on the disappearance of two American tourists in the Soviet Union more than a month ago.

The Foreign Office in Moscow has told the United States Embassy that an early reply will be made to Embassy inquiries about the two.

The men are Harvey C. Bennett of Bath, Me., and Mark I. Kaminsky of Jefferson Township in Cass County, near Edwardsburg, Mich.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kaminsky were last heard from when Mrs. Bennett received a postcard dated August 19 saying that Mr. Bennett expected to be home by August 25. The card, the State Department said, was mailed at Vinnitsa,

USSR, near the Czechoslovak border.

The two men were touring in an automobile they had rented in Helsinki, Finland. They were believed to be en route from Russia to Czechoslovakia on the way to Poland when last heard from, officials reported.

In mid-September, the Russian travel agency, Intourist, told the Embassy in Moscow it had determined that apparently Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kaminsky had not left the Soviet Union at any border crossing point. Presumably, Intourist said, they were still in the Soviet Union. Intourist said it had no other information.

Subsequently, on September 21 and again on September 29, the Embassy sent notes to the Foreign Office asking for information. When these notes failed to elicit replies, the State Department said yesterday, an Embassy official went to "a higher level" in the Foreign Office and pressed for a report. That personal appeal was made Monday and brought the response that the Embassy would receive an early reply to its inquiries.

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